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**KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-17-36**

**SUBJECT: LTP–Fiscal Year 2017 Conservation Stewardship Program-Ranking Process, Farmstead and Associated Agricultural Land Exemptions**

**Purpose:** Distribute the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) national, state, and local questions for the Program Contracts System (ProTracts) ranking tool, and provide guidance on addressing these questions. To also provide the Farmstead (FS) and Associated Agricultural Land Exemptions (AAL) exemption form.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2018

The national, state, and local priorities sections of the ProTracts ranking tool is scored on whether the application is also addressing national, state, and local concerns respectively. Each question is addressed on the attachment to this bulletin. Also, the Operation Summary Report from the Conservation Activity Evaluation Tool (CAET) will be used to answer the questions. All questions will be answered for each CSP application that is ranked.

The attached guidance will be used to answer all questions to ensure consistency statewide. Only practices receiving financial assistance under the CSP application are to be considered for any question in the ProTracts ranking tool.

The attached FS and AAL exemption form will be used to determine if a producer qualifies for an exemption. If granted, the exemption waives the requirement for a participant to adopt new conservation activities on these land uses. All exemption requests must be approved by the state program manager.

**Contact:** Please forward questions through established channels to Kasey M. Robinson, Resource Conservationist, at [kasey.robinson@ks.usda.gov](mailto:kasey.robinson@ks.usda.gov) or 785-823-4568.

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